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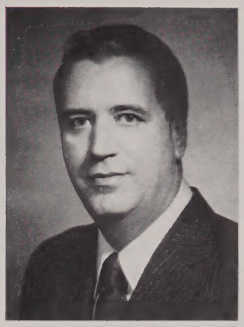

Arthur G. Slade
President

I am especially pleased to invite all of our members and friends to attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at our Boston Headquarters. It is always a pleasure to meet and talk with you firsthand about our work for the protection of animals.

In addition to hearing about the League's activities, you will have the special opportunity this year to learn about humane work on the national level.

Our guest speaker will be Larry Brown, Executive Director of the American Humane Association. The American Humane's headquarters is located in Denver, Colorado.

American Humane, founded in 1876, is the oldest nationwide federation of state and local agencies dedicated to the prevention of cruelty, neglect, abuse and exploitation of children and animals.

In its early years, AHA was instrumental in the passage of national child labor laws and the first to call for the establishment of a juvenile court system. It pioneered legislation to prevent abuse in livestock transportation, to halt the slaughter of birds for fashion, to end cruel branding and to bring help to animals in times of natural disasters. It also provided the groundwork for thousands of humane agencies nationwide that today speak for the helpless.

Now AHA has entered its second century, with new insights and renewed dedication to bringing its leadership, experience and expertise to bear on the challenges of today's world. It does this by a systematic approach to finding causes of social neglect, by innovative training programs, and by thoughtful and professional analysis of the ethical, moral, legal and economic considerations of today and tomorrow.

While it continues to provide services to over 2000 animal welfare agencies through shelter inspection, workshops and field investigations, American Humane launched pioneering efforts to establish Hearing Dog Centers for the deaf of this country. This has stimulated an interest in Pet Facilitated Therapy (PFT), a program that examines how animals can be used to promote the psychological and emotional well-being of people in a variety of institutional settings. AHA's national leadership in the interest of domestic animals is demonstrated by its agreement with the American National Red Cross to come to the aid of domestic animals in times of natural disaster. AHA coordinates animal relief efforts through local animal welfare agencies, providing shelter, food and medical attention. It also actively develops legislation on the national, state and local levels that will prevent cruelty and abuse of animals.

The Child Protection Division offers a wide range of research, evaluation, education and consultation services. American Humane's "National Study on Child Neglect and Abuse Reporting" is the only research effort aimed at identifying the extent and nature of reported child maltreatment on a national basis. In addition to its own staff, the Children's Division has a faculty of professionals who have distinguished themselves in practice and in teaching. They represent the fields of medicine, law, social work, psychology and education and all are available for consultation and training.

Since 1939, American Humane has actively worked with the motion picture and television industry to insure the humane treatment of animals on the set. Additionally, movies involving animal actors are reviewed by the Hollywood Office staff and rated as "acceptable" or "unacceptable" based on the treatment of the animals in the film. These ratings are distributed to a wide variety of newspapers and periodicals throughout the country to inform movie fans of the acceptability of animal treatment in a given movie.

Joe and Kim Scaggs of Dedham came to the open house and found a new playmate for daughter Katy, 6 months.

A Grand Opening

The sun sparkled on fresh fallen snow and **Pine Ridge Animal Center** was at its most picturesque for the scores of friends and neighbors who turned out for the official opening of the League's new **Safford Memorial Shelter** in Dedham on Saturday, February 8.

The open house, complete with balloon-festooned buffet tables and a clown to entertain the youngsters, was held to give area residents an opportunity to tour the shelter and meet shelter manager Alan B. Borgal. "It was a great day and an excellent turnout," Borgal says, adding that 13 of the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to adopt a pet. Five dogs and eight cats went home with new owners that day.

Alan Borgal has been a member of the Animal Rescue League staff for over ten years, serving in several posts of steadily increasing responsibility. He joined the staff in 1975 as an education assistant at the League's booth at the Children's Zoo, and subsequently served as kennel attendant, shelter aid, ambulance driver and, for the past year, as Supervisor of the League's law enforcement program.

A Place for Remembering

The new Safford Shelter, which was established to serve the needs of residents in communities south and west of Boston, and along route 128, is the first new adoption shelter opened by the League since 1956. It is located at 238 Pine Street, on the 22-acre site of the League's Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals, which was established in 1907. The well-loved pets of the famous and not-so-famous are buried there and fondly remembered, especially at this time of year, according to Michael Thomas, superintendent of Pine Ridge. "Memorial Day is a special time at Pine Ridge, and visitors to the cemetery or the shelter are invited to stroll through the grounds and enjoy the landscaping and peaceful setting," he says.

The new shelter is named in memory of Ruth Appleton Perkins Safford and her husband, Captain Laurance Frye Safford, U.S.N. The late Mrs. Safford, an artist and former Massachusetts resident, left a generous bequest to the League for the establishment of an adoption center. **The Safford Shelter is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m. The telephone number is (617) 326-0729.**

Clown-for-a-day Michael Thomas (better known as the Superintendent of Pine Ridge Cemetery) creates animals from balloons for the entertainment of open house guests.

Alan B. Borgal, Manager of the Safford Shelter, greets League President, Arthur G. Slade.

League staff member Helen Henderson leads "Fair Nashua" from the stable at Pine Ridge. The horse was brought from the Cape Cod Branch to meet visitors at the open house.

Janet Westhaver of East Walpole gets acquainted with a resident of the Safford Shelter.

A River Rescue

In falling snow and freezing temperaures, League agents Bill Brothers (left) and Ed Powers (right) rescue Canada geese from oil spill in the Charles River.

"Those people should get a medal," said a neighbor who watched the rescue of about two dozen oil-soaked Canada geese, mallard ducks and black ducks from the Charles River after a large fuel oil spill in December threatened the lives of the water fowl.

Animal Rescue League agents, along with representatives of various other agencies, were summoned to the scene after 1,000 gallons of oil flowed through storm drains into a river feeding area from an oil tank truck punctured in an accident near the Newton Marriott Hotel. Rescue efforts began in freezing dawn hours and continued throughout the day as agents in motor boats searched for the birds in icy waters. In an article in the **Middlesex News**, League education and information coordinator Steve Wachman said, *"The Canada geese are particularly hard to capture because of their strength and size. We'll be out there as long as necessary."*

The geese and ducks rescued, their feathers heavily oil-matted, were brought to the League where they were bathed and kept warm under heat lamps. After recuperating from their ordeal they were released at a clean river site.

ANNUAL REPORT 1985

The past year saw a significant expansion of humane services at the League with over 97,000 animals affected directly or indirectly by League efforts in shelter, adoption, health care, law enforcement and inspection and investigation. This work was made possible by 19,758 supportive members, including 3,576 new friends who joined the League during 1985.

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Tommy Sullivan of West Roxbury finds an armful of affection at the League's Boston shelter.

Of particular note were three new programs launched during the year, two to benefit animals, and one to raise the quality of life for people as well as pets. The League's ability to provide shelter and adoption services for dogs, cats and other small, domestic animals was greatly enhanced by the completion of the new Safford Memorial Shelter in Dedham. Officially opened in early 1986 (see story p. 4), the new shelter was actually staffed and receiving animals by late 1985.

Another group of animals—those used for research and educational purposes—were affected by the beginning in Spring, 1985 of the League's formal inspection program of facilities in the Commonwealth that use dogs or cats for research or education. Under the recent law repealing the Massachusetts Pound Seizure law, the League has been designated as an agent of the Department of Public Health, responsible for inspecting facilities prior to licensing and for conducting ongoing inspections to ensure that the facilities are complying with animal welfare regulations. The League is currently responsible for inspecting fourteen medical and educational research facilities.

The third new program, a particular source of pride and gratification, is the Pets for People program, designed to help senior citizens adopt pets free of charge. Under this program, which is funded by the Ralston Purina Company's Pets for People Foundation, those over 60 are also provided with such necessities as spaying and neutering for their pets, shots, food and water dishes, and a supply of pet food. During the program's first full year of operation at the League, 253 older men and women adopted four-footed companions.

Overall, adoptions rose during 1985 by 24%, with new homes found for a total of 5,283 animals, including 2,003 dogs, 2,993 cats and 287 miscellaneous animals. This last category included rabbits, hamsters, birds and even twenty domestic geese, former pets abandoned and cared for at the League's Salem Branch which eventually placed them with families.

The League's outpatient clinic for small animals, located at headquarters in Boston, also saw an increase in activity with 9,627 patient visits, a rise of 11% over the previous year. Efforts to locate owners of lost pets continued with a total of 1,540 lost dogs and cats successfully reunited with their owners during 1985.

Ambulance and rescue activities continued at a high level with agents responding to close to 500 rescue calls during the year involving injured animals, or those caught in life-threatening situations.

Inspections and investigations of 1132 locations where animals are housed, including pet shops, guard dog establishments, zoos, research facilities, stables and kennels, extended the League's protective services to another 60,688 animals.

Dr. Edward A. Leonard and staff at the outpatient clinic examine one of the more than 9,000 patients that receive health care each year.

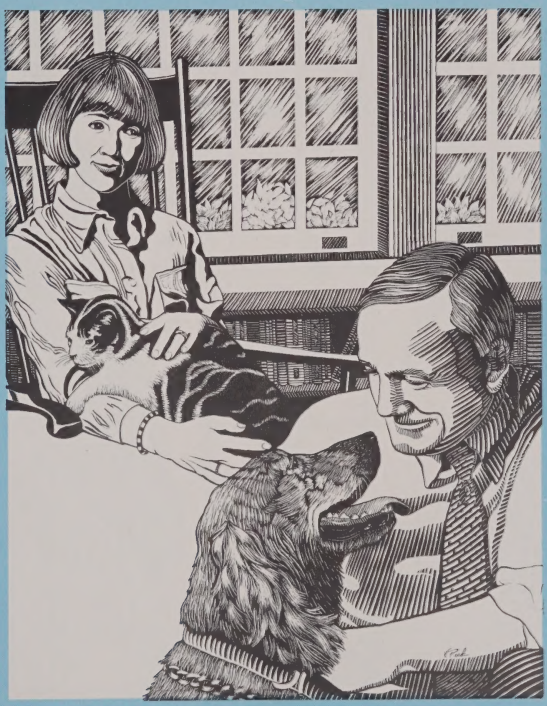
Patricia Kelly (left) and Lisa Seaman care for a family of pups at t

Community outreach efforts to adults and young people continue to be a priority, particularly at the League's branches. Among the activities of the Salem Branch, for example, were a pet therapy program at the Briarcliff Lodge in Lynn, pet shows for the Wakefield Public Library and a Swampscott Police Dog Officer benefit, as well as a weekly summer program on pet care and wildlife rescue techniques for the Campfire Council of Salem. The Cape Cod Branch in Brewster conducted monthly pet therapy programs at nursing homes in seven Cape Cod communities, and also participated in Project Coach, an alternative sentencing program, providing juvenile offenders with an opportunity for community service. The staff of the Cape Cod Branch also derived a great deal of satisfaction during 1985 from the rehabilitation and care of "Fair Nashua," the abused thoroughbred horse whose story appeared in a previous issue of **Our Fourfooted Friends**.

The League's extensive program of humane education activities continued with school visits, tours and demonstrations, educational exhibits, the Animal Friends Summer School and annual Pet Show in Cataumet, all directed toward making young people and adults alike more knowledgeable concerning animal nature and needs, and therefore more humane in their attitude and actions. Publications such as **Our Fourfooted Friends**, the Animal Friends newsletter for children, and pet care pamphlets and public media features are also directed toward the attainment of this humane goal.

's Salem shelter. Photo by David Matt, Salem Evening News.

Lynda Brogden introduces kittens to their temporary home at the Cape Cod Branch.



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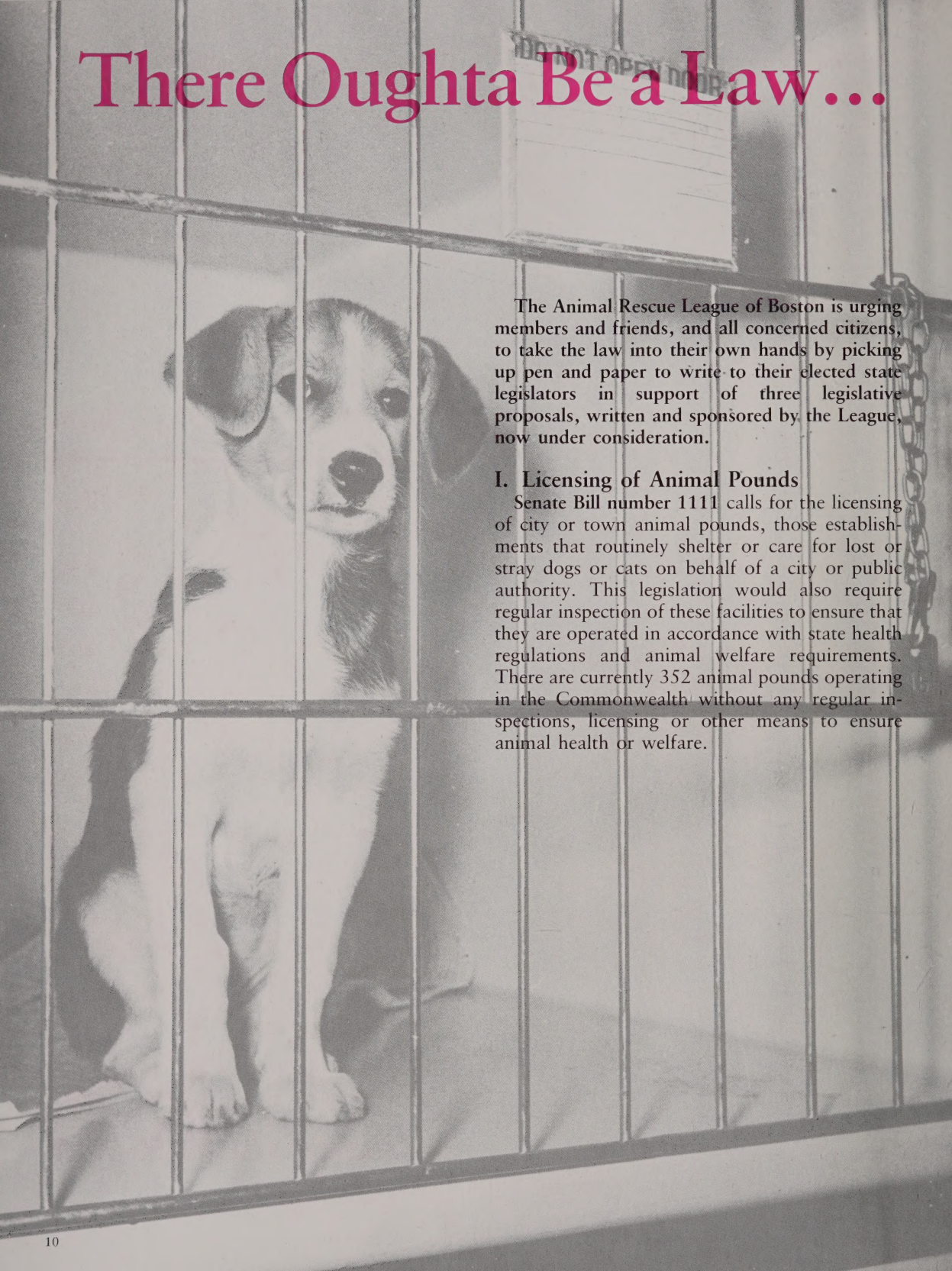


The Animal Rescue League of Boston is urging members and friends, and all concerned citizens, to take the law into their own hands by picking up pen and paper to write to their elected state legislators in support of three legislative proposals, written and sponsored by the League, now under consideration.

I. Licensing of Animal Pounds

Senate Bill number 1111 calls for the licensing of city or town animal pounds, those establishments that routinely shelter or care for lost or stray dogs or cats on behalf of a city or public authority. This legislation would also require regular inspection of these facilities to ensure that they are operated in accordance with state health regulations and animal welfare requirements. There are currently 352 animal pounds operating in the Commonwealth without any regular inspections, licensing or other means to ensure animal health or welfare.

II. Pets for the Elderly

Repeatedly, those in the animal welfare field hear heartrending stories of elderly people forced to give up their lifelong companions when they must leave their own homes to move into public or private rental housing. Others never even have a chance to learn the joys of pet ownership at a time in their lives when they could most benefit from love and companionship. The currently proposed legislation, Senate Bill number 557, would prevent owners of public or private housing from prohibiting the ownership of common household pets by elderly or handicapped tenants, and prohibit discrimination in access to housing against any person because of pet ownership. Under this legislation, the Department of Public Health would be responsible for the promulgation of any regulations in this area, such as pet size or type, standards of care, or potential financial obligations for pet-related damages.

III. Exploitation of Wildlife

This legislation **Senate Bill number 1102** would prohibit any person or organization from exhibiting a wild animal for the purpose of attracting trade to a place of amusement, recreation or entertainment. This law would not affect the display of wild animals for educational purposes, such as at a zoo, or in connection with theatrical presentations or circuses. It would, however, prevent the exploitation of wild animals for purposes such as luring patrons to a night club.

To support
Animal Rescue League of Boston Bills

Write to:
Housing and Urban Development:

Senate 557
An Act regulating the keeping of pets by the elderly in public and private housing.

Senator Frederick E. Berry (D-Peabody)
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald (D-Boston)
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Natural Resources and Agriculture:

Senate 1102
An Act prohibiting the exploitation of wild animals.

Senate 1111
An Act further regulating the care and protection of animals.

Senator Carol C. Amick (D-Bedford)
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Steven Angelo (D-Saugus)
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Also, it is very important to write to your own state legislators in support of these bills.

PETS IN THE PICTURE

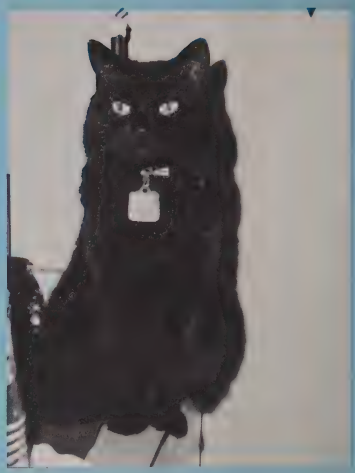
*"**Tessa,**" now 15 years old and adopted from the League when she was 5 months old by Eleanor MacDougall of Cambridge, relaxes with her friend "Spot." "The best thing I ever did in my life was to get 'Tessa' from the League," her owner writes. "She has been such a joy to me and, for 15 years, she has been a comforter to homesick freshmen in Harvard Yard every September."*

***"Sabrina"** has the seat of honor in the Cambridge home of Rita Quimby who adopted the German Shepherd from the League in 1982. "She has given enormous pleasure and happiness to our family," writes her owner.*

*"See how beautiful they are," writes Mrs. Fred Pearson of Lynn about her cats **"Tiffy,"** and **"Sassy."** Mrs. Pearson also sent along a gift in their names to be used for "Fair Nashua," a horse being rehabilitated by the League whose story appeared in this magazine.*

*"Couldn't be happier with them," says Judy Strickland of her cats **"Ebi"** and **"Judtzi,"** adopted a year ago this spring.*

*"This little boy is now 3½ years old and a joy to all," writes Mrs. Grace Black of Everett about **"Buttons,"** whom she describes as "very smart and just wonderful."*



*Anna Nadeau of Waltham found **"Sweetie Pie"** in a snowbank during a blizzard. "She and I have been friends ever since," she writes.*

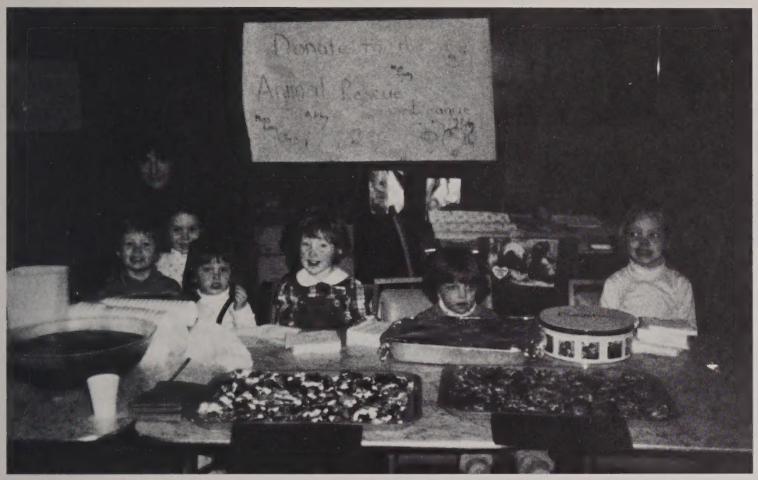
***"Prudence,"** who belonged to the Muise family in Revere, passed away last fall. "We would like to share her with all," her family writes. "She gave so much and took so little."*

NEWSFRONT

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Peanuttier Promotion Benefits Pets

Youngsters at the Chestnut Hill Day Care Center dispense peanut butter and chocolate pizza and punch in a special fundraising project held for the League at the Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association. The children raised a grand total of $149.25 for animals, after being inspired by a humane education program presented by League humane education instructor Annette French.

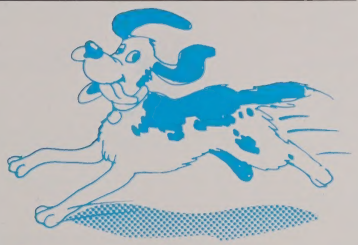


Call for Halt to Dairy Cow Branding

In April, the USDA regulation requiring the hot branding of more than 2 million cows and calves was scheduled to begin. The Animal Rescue League of Boston has encouraged its members to oppose this cruel treatment of animals.

The program was implemented to reduce federal dairy subsidies. It requires farmers to hot brand all female dairy animals on the jaw with an "X," a practice which could lead to health complications.

We urge all members to contact Senators, Representatives, and Richard Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., regarding their objection to this thoughtless requirement.



Canines Taught to Track Down Termites

Dogs have been enlisted in the war against pests according to recent news from the termite control industry. Demonstrations on national television programs and feature articles in major magazines have shown "Termite detection dogs" sniffing out termites in hidden locations. The dogs, beagles for the most part, have been trained to detect and locate termites in areas not accessible to conventional termite inspection methods, such as behind baseboards, paneling and cupboards, and under carpeting.

"Cats and Dogs" on TV: A Correction

There's a correction in the scheduling of WGBH's new show *"Cats and Dogs,"* listed incorrectly in the last issue as airing at 5 p.m. The new 26-week series designed to explore and enhance the bond between pets and their owners is airing on Channel 2 (WGBH-TV) every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and repeated Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. Viewers should consult their local listings for other channels carrying this educational program.

Livestock Specialist Joins League Staff

Alan W. Cunningham joined the League staff in January as livestock education specialist. A graduate of the University of Maine at Orono, he has a B.S. degree in animal and veterinary science and is former assistant director of the Natick Community Farm where he was responsible for community outreach activities and animal and agricultural education programs. Cunningham will also serve as farm director at the Animal Friends Summer School in Cataumet.

New England Humane Groups to Meet in May

The New England Federation of Humane Societies will hold its 49th Annual Award Meeting and Conference at the Skipper Inn and Conference Center in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, May 21–23, 1986. Hosted by the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford, the meeting is expected to attract over 150 participants from animal welfare and animal control agencies. It will also feature an exhibit of products and equipment used in animal related work, being coordinated by Robert Walsh, manager of the League's Boston shelter.

At The Movies

The following recently released movies have been rated as "Acceptable" by the American Humane Association. An "Acceptable" rating indicates that American Humane was on location to monitor animal action and to ensure humane treatment. Scenes appearing to endanger animals are simulated.

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Down and Out in Beverly Hills, a Touchstone Film by Walt Disney Productions.

Hamburger...The Motion Picture, a F/M Entertainment release.

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